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THE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON LOCAL, URBAN
AND STATE AFFAIRS

SENATOR
GERALD VAN WOERKOM
CHAIRMAN

Minutes of the Senate Local, Urban & State Affairs Committee

Tuesday, January 26, 2010

3:00 p.m.

Room 110 of the Farnum Building

Chairman Van Woerkom called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

Members present: Senators Van Woerkom, Birkholz, Allen, Gleason, and Basham.

Senator Basham motioned to approve the minutes from December 1, 2009 and the motion was supported by Senator Birkholz. The minutes from December 1, 2009 were approved.

Chairman Van Woerkom invited Rep. Stanley and Councilmember Bernard Lawler to introduce House Bill 5567.

Rep. Stanley spoke in support of the legislation and called attention to a letter of support from the mayor of Flint.

Sen. Gleason thanked Rep. Stanley for his efforts in establishing the neighborhood that is the subject of HB 5567.

Sen. Allen questioned the retroactivity of the legislation.

Sen. Birkholz asked about the comfort of other local governments with the legislation.

Chairman Van Woerkom introduced HB 5626, sponsored by Rep. Cushinberry, and asked Howard Ryan from the Senate Majority Policy Office to explain the differences contained in the S-1. Mr. Ryan spoke about the language allowing liens to be placed on the loans requiring loans to be repaid from constitutional revenue sharing.

Sen. Allen moved to adopt the S-1 Substitute for House Bill 5626 with support from Sen. Basham. The substitute was adopted 5-0.

Chairman Van Woerkom invited Norman White, Chief Financial Officer of the City of Detroit, as well as Tom Gavin, R.W. Baird Company representing the City of Detroit and Harold Bulger, Miller Canfield, representing the City of Detroit to testify on HB 5626.

Senator Gleason moved to report out House Bill 5567 with support from Senator Basham. HB 5567 passed favorably, 5-0. Senator Gleason motioned to report out HB 5567 with immediate effect with support from Senator Basham. HB 5567 was reported favorably, 5-0, with immediate effect.

Senator Allen moved to report out HB 5626 (S-1) with support from Senator Basham. HB 5626 (S-1) passed favorably, 5-0. Senator Allen motioned to report out HB 5626 (S-1) with immediate effect with support from Senator Basham. HB 5626(S-1) was reported favorably, 5-0, with immediate effect."

Senator Birkholz motioned for adjournment with no objection.
Chairman Van Woerkom adjourned the committee at 3:42 p.m.